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**March 2026 NEWSLETTER  
From our Pastor . . .**

*“<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*



These words from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi are our theme for 2026. As we look at the world around us, we feel the need, perhaps more than ever, to submit ourselves in prayer and supplication before the Lord. In a recent Sunday school time we discussed the practice of fasting which was paired with listening. As we pray to God for guidance in how to live these days, let us remember to also listen for His response. It will be in that response that we find the peace that will guard our hearts and minds in these troubled times.

Weather and seasonally related illnesses have altered our worship and Sunday school schedule recently. Hopefully, we are moving out of a season of significant snowfall meaning we will not need to cancel worship due to inclement weather. We look forward to the return of Robin McMahon's series on *Tyrants* on the third Sunday of the month. Plan to join us for Sunday school each week as we engage in topics relevant to our world today.

Blessing to you as we continue our Lenten journey toward Easter Sunday.

+++++ Pastor Lynne

## OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS . . .



We continue to see God's hand at work in our food pantry. We are blessed with a terrific team of volunteers who make the food pantry operation possible. There are more consistent offerings of chicken, fish and meats. We are seeing availability of detergents and personal items from the state. The reinstated grant from the state along with grant money from the brotherhood enables us to offer more produce, cheese, butter and eggs on a weekly basis. Donations from individuals enhance what we can offer. This includes much-needed household, personal items, diapers and wipes. Saint Vincents, Maria Goretti donated a significant amount of shelf stable food.

Indian Creek Church of the Brethren donated a variety of personal items they collected for us on Super Bowl Sunday. We receive donated diapers and wipes from Mitzvah each month. The needs of our families for those items exceed what we are given. Thank you all for the support of the food pantry!

**Matthew 25:40 (NIV): "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'"**

Don & Annette Hanks, Food Pantry Coordinators  
[hatfieldcobfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:hatfieldcobfoodpantry@gmail.com)

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### THOSE WITH EARS TO HEAR

Pastor Brandon Hanks has invited us to a free prayer workshop, **"Those with Ears to Hear"**, on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am to 3pm., at Valley View Community Church (778 Sunnyside Avenue, Audubon, PA 19403.) Lunch will be provided. While this is a free event, people will need to register for us to get a headcount for lunch and seating. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Brandon at [brandon@netzer.org](mailto:brandon@netzer.org) or 610-803-1015 or his counterpart, Tim at [tim@netzer.org](mailto:tim@netzer.org). All are welcome.



**a netzer prayer workshop**



## Reminders, Notes, Tips

- There is no smoking on the property

## Important Dates:

(We will be closed April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>)

### North Penn

5<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal

20<sup>th</sup> No School- Teacher In-Service

30<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> No School-Spring Break

## New Happenings:

- We will be updating and re-signing emergency contact forms and agreement forms.
- Assessments will be coming out. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's teacher or Ms. Julie.
- North Penn Kindergarten Registration has begun. Please see North Penn's website for more information. If your child will be going to A.M. Kulp for kindergarten next year, please let us know if you are interested in having them here for before/after care.
- Our egg hunt will be Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> (Rain date: April 1<sup>st</sup>) during outside play time.
- We will be closed April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> for spring break. (North Penn is open April 6<sup>th</sup>.)

## Weekly Themes:

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Read Across America/Dr. Seuss

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Rainbow

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Spring

30<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Easter

## Chapel with Pastor Lynne

### Theme -God is with us

- Lesson 1 – Sad & Happy Times
- Lesson 2 – Safe & Scarv Times

## FOCUS ON FOLKS!



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 07 – Sue Bryant
- 18 – Sarah Jones Sato
- 24 – Moira Butler
- 29 – Thatcher McMahan
- 31 – Aiden Hanks

### NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

### DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Please make these changes. Thank you.

- ✚ Sue Bryant: [spbbryant@verizon.net](mailto:spbbryant@verizon.net)
- ✚ Sarah Haldeman: [sebryant610@gmail.com](mailto:sebryant610@gmail.com)

The **Everence Sharing Fund** provided \$1,250.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Connie Holbert serves as the **Everence** advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

### NEED FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY . . .

Please save egg cartons.  
Sometimes the eggs  
arrive in bulk.



## UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

- **Pastoral Care Volunteers Needed** – Peter Becker Community, Harleysville will hold a 3-hour Abiders training on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Abiders provide a reassuring, comforting presence to individuals in the last hours of their life who would otherwise die alone. The hours are very flexible. Contact Chaplain Faith Williams, 215-513-6816 or [fwilliams@peterbeckercommunity.com](mailto:fwilliams@peterbeckercommunity.com)
- **ANE District Women’s Spring Fellowship** at Lancaster Church of the Brethren on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30am – 2:30pm. Cost \$25, lunch provided.** Ann Van Hine will speak on **“Stillness in a Chaotic World”**, referencing **Psalm 46:10. Register by March 9<sup>th</sup>** online or contact: Karen Hackett: [knk821@comcast.net](mailto:knk821@comcast.net).

### STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

#### MARCH 2026

**Deacon Contact:** Don Hanks: 215-368-2568

**Greeters:** Rodney Allebach, Don Hanks,  
Rob Hanks, Dan Sibley

#### Worship Leaders:

- 01 – C Holbert
- 08 – Robin McMahan
- 15 – C Holbert
- 22 – Annette Hanks
- 29 – C Holbert

#### Accompanist:

- 01 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 08 – David Himmer
- 15 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 22 – Annamarie Dieterle
- 29 – Annamarie Dieterle

#### Message:

- 01 – Deacon Marlene Natali
- 08 – Pastor Don McDonough
- 15 – Pastor Lynne Allebach
- 22 – Deacon Marlene Natali
- 29 – Pastor Lynne Allebach – Palm Sunday

**Steward Counter:** Connie Holbert Treasurer

**FAITHFUL COMMUNITY**

**What's Happening**



**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

***“Wired Word” Bible Study***

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Deacon Marlene Natali

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

**TURN YOUR CLOCK AHEAD**

**1 HOUR TONIGHT**

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**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

***“Wired Word” Bible Study***

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Pastor Don McDonough

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Worshipful Work**

7:00pm.

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**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

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**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

***“Tyrants of the Bible”***

**Bible Study**

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

10:30am. – 1:00pm.

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**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

8:30am. – 11:00am.

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

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**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

***“Wired Word” Bible Study***

9:00am.

**Morning Worship**

Deacon Marlene Natali

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

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**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Food Cupboard**

5:30pm – 7:30pm.

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**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Men's Breakfast**

Heritage Restaurant

8:30am.

**ECR Worship Team**

Noon – 4:00pm.

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**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

***“Wired Word” Bible Study***

9:00am.

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Pastor Lynne Allebach

10:00am.

**Fellowship Time**

11:00am.

**ECR Worship**

11:30am.

Easter morning, we will have a carry-in breakfast at 9am. Bring your favorite dish to share and join the fellowship. Our Easter Celebration will follow.